

# **Vajasaneyi-Madhyandina-Śukla**

## **YAJURVEDA SAMHITĀ**

### **CHAPTER ONE**

1. We invoke you O Lord, for food.<sup>(1)</sup>  
We invoke you for vigour.<sup>(2)</sup>  
You are the vital breaths.<sup>(3)</sup>  
May the creator Lord depute you, O sacrificers, to the  
noblest accomplishments.  
O cows, may you flourish with the blessings of the  
resplendent Lord.  
May you be free from disease and consumption and bear  
good progeny.  
May no thief nor a slaughterer be in possession of you.  
May you permanently multiply in large numbers in the  
house of the master of cattle.<sup>(4)</sup>  
O Lord, preserve the cattle of the sacrificer.<sup>(5)</sup>
2. You are the purifier of riches.<sup>(1)</sup> You are heaven; earth you  
are as well.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the warmth of the wind. You  
are the sustainer of the world. Remain firm in your supreme  
abode. Don't you forsake, nor may the sacrificer forsake  
you.<sup>(3)</sup>

3. You are the purifier of riches passing down in a hundred streams. You are the purifier of riches in a thousand streams.<sup>(1)</sup> Let the Creator God purify you with a hundred streamed strainer of riches by purifying means.<sup>(2)</sup> Which of the cows would you like to milk?<sup>(3)</sup>

4. That cow is the longevity of all.<sup>(1)</sup> She is the activity of all.<sup>(2)</sup> She is the nourisher of all as well.<sup>(3)</sup> The share of the resplendent Lord, I hereby curdle with the herbal juice for you.<sup>(4)</sup> O omnipresent Lord, protect the materials of sacrifice.<sup>(5)</sup>

5. O adorable Lord, upholder of vows, I have determined to observe a vow. May I be able to accomplish it with success.<sup>(1)</sup> Renouncing falsehood, I hereby embrace truth.<sup>(2)</sup>

6. Who appoints you? He appoints you. For what does he appoint you? For that he appoints you.<sup>(1)</sup> Both of you, for work as well as dressing up and finish.<sup>(2)</sup>

7. Demons have been burnt and so are burnt the enemies. Demons have come to grief and so have the enemies come to grief.<sup>(1)</sup> Now I move freely in the vast mid-space.<sup>(2)</sup>

8. O Lord, you are the destroyer. Destroy the destroyer. Destroy him who wants to destroy us. Destroy him, whom we try to destroy.<sup>(1)</sup> Of all gods, you are the greatest bestower of blisses, best purifier, ablest preceptor, most welcome and, therefore, most worthy of worship by the learned.<sup>(2)</sup>

9. O Lord, you are the receiver of oblations free from crookedness. Be steady. Do not totter; nor may this sacrificer forsake you.<sup>(1)</sup> Let the all pervading Lord approach you.<sup>(2)</sup> For abundant wind.<sup>(3)</sup> May the demons be driven away.<sup>(4)</sup> Let it be grasped by the five.<sup>(5)</sup>

10. O sacrificial material, at the impulsion of the Creator God, with the arms of the healers and with the hands of the nourisher;<sup>(1)</sup> I take you, that are pleasing to the adorable Lord.<sup>(2)</sup> I take you, that are pleasing to the Lord adorable and blissful both.<sup>(3)</sup>

11. O sacrificial fire, I invoke you for the happiness of all and not for miseries.<sup>(1)</sup> May I see the celestial light on all sides.<sup>(2)</sup> May our houses be firm on the earth.<sup>(3)</sup> Whereas I travel in the vast mid-space.<sup>(4)</sup> I place you in the navel of the earth and in the lap of the Eternity. Guard the sacrificial material.<sup>(5)</sup>

12. O waters divine (O physical and mental activities), both of you (those on the earth and those in the clouds) belong to all-pervading God.<sup>(1)</sup> At the impulsion of the impeller Lord, I purify you with sun's rays as if a strainer without pores.<sup>(2)</sup> Flowing forward and purifying forward, now lead this sacrifice forward as well as the sacrificer, who is of good character and devoted to gods.<sup>(3)</sup>

13. At the time of struggle against ignorance, the resplendent Lord selected you and at the same time you selected the resplendent Lord.<sup>(1)</sup> You have been consecrated.<sup>(2)</sup> I sprinkle you to be favoured by the adorable Lord.<sup>(3)</sup> I sprinkle you to be favoured by the Lord adorable and blissful.<sup>(4)</sup> For this divine function, for pleasing gods, get purified. Whatever part of yours has become impure by pollution, that I hereby purify.<sup>(5)</sup>

14. You are the bestower of happiness.<sup>(1)</sup> The evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the skin of the eternity. May the eternity receive you.<sup>(3)</sup> You are the cloud, nourisher of vegetation. You are the broad-based cloud. May the skin of eternity receive you.<sup>(4)</sup>

15. You are the fire embodied and the source of speech. I take you up for satisfaction of Nature's bounties.<sup>(1)</sup> You are a big cloud nourisher of vegetation.<sup>(2)</sup> Now prepare oblation for Nature's bounties.<sup>(3)</sup> Prepare it carefully. O offerer of oblations, come; O offerer of oblations, come here. <sup>(4)</sup>

16. O God, you are a cock with a sweet tongue. Crow aloud for bringing food and vigour to us. With your assistance may we win each and every battle.<sup>(1)</sup> You are old in years.<sup>(2)</sup> May the old in years receive you.<sup>(3)</sup> Evil powers have been thrown back and thrown back are the inimical tendencies.<sup>(4)</sup> Evil powers have been defeated.<sup>(5)</sup> May the wind disperse you.<sup>(6)</sup> May the golden-handed sun receive you with hands without a leak.<sup>(7)</sup>

17. O fire, you are superb.<sup>(1)</sup> Discard the fire that cooks food; discard the fire that consumes corpses.<sup>(2)</sup> Bring the one that carries oblations to Nature's bounties.<sup>(3)</sup> You are steady. Make this earth steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect, pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us.-I place you here for destruction of our enemy.<sup>(4)</sup>

18. O fire divine, protect men of intellect.<sup>(1)</sup> You are the sustainer. Make the mid-space firm. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us. I place you here for the destruction of our enemy.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the support. Make the heaven steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and other persons like us. I place you here for destruction of the enemy.<sup>(3)</sup> I place you here for protection of all the regions.<sup>(4)</sup> Q fires, you have been piled up, piled up high.<sup>(5)</sup> Blaze with the force of the cosmic elements and of all cosmic breath.<sup>(6)</sup>

19. O Lord, you are the source of happiness.<sup>(1)</sup> Evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the skin of the eternity. May eternity receive you.<sup>(3)</sup> You are the speech full of knowledge. May the skin of Eternity receive you.<sup>(4)</sup> You are the support of the celestial worlds.<sup>(5)</sup> You are the speech full of knowledge. May the speech full of knowledge receive you.<sup>(6)</sup>

20. You are foodgrain. Feed the sense organs.<sup>(1)</sup> We cherish you for in-breath.<sup>(2)</sup> You for out-breath;<sup>(3)</sup> and for diffused breath.<sup>(4)</sup> We take you for getting a long and energetic life span. May the golden-handed sun receive you with his hands without a leak.<sup>(5)</sup> We cherish you for good eye-sight.<sup>(6)</sup> You are the essence of sublime faculties.<sup>(7)</sup>

21. At the impulsion of the Creator God, with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher,<sup>(1)</sup> I sow you.<sup>(2)</sup> May the waters mix with herbs and the herbs with saps. May the waters mix with medicines and the sweet tasting waters with sweet tasting medicines.<sup>(3)</sup>

22. I mix you for an easy delivery.<sup>(1)</sup> This of the adorable Lord.<sup>(2)</sup> This of the Lord adorable and blissful.<sup>(3)</sup> I invoke you for food.<sup>(4)</sup> You are heat and warmth and bestower of longevity on all.<sup>(5)</sup> Expanding far and wide, may you expand farther and wider. May you make the sacrificer prosper far and wide.<sup>(6)</sup> May fire not injure your skin.<sup>(7)</sup> May the Creator God cause you to ripen in the highest heaven.<sup>(8)</sup>

23. Don't be frightened; don't waver.<sup>(1)</sup> May the sacrificer be not depressing and the offspring of the sacrificer also be not languid.<sup>(2)</sup> I dedicate you for trinity.<sup>(3)</sup> You for duality.<sup>(4)</sup> You for unity.<sup>(5)</sup>

24. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I take you with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher to perform sacrifice for Nature's bounties.<sup>(1)</sup> You are the right hand of the resplendent Lord, capable of killing thousands of enemies, glittering with hundreds of lustres. You are the wind of fierce power, killer of malicious.<sup>(2)</sup>

25. O earth, the place of divine worship, may I not destroy the root of your herbs.<sup>(1)</sup> Go to pen, the cow-shed.<sup>(2)</sup> May heaven send rain for you.<sup>(3)</sup> O Creator God, here on this earth, bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.<sup>(4)</sup>

26. May I drive away the devilish enemy from this earth, the place of divine worship.<sup>(1)</sup> Go to the pen, the cow-shed.<sup>(2)</sup> May heaven send rain for you.<sup>(3)</sup> O creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.<sup>(4)</sup> O devilish enemy, may you not attain light and bliss.<sup>(5)</sup> May your progeny also be deprived of light and bliss.<sup>(6)</sup> Go to the pen, the cow-shed.<sup>(7)</sup> May heaven send rain for you.<sup>(8)</sup> O Creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.<sup>(9)</sup>

27. O earth, I surround you with the *gāyatrī* metre.<sup>(1)</sup> I encompass you with the *triṣṭubh* metre.<sup>(2)</sup> I enclose you with the *jagatī* metre.<sup>(3)</sup> You are the earth, beautiful, propitious.<sup>(4)</sup> You are pleasing and a good seat to rest upon.<sup>(5)</sup> You are full of invigorating foods and milk.<sup>(6)</sup>

28. O mighty God, in anticipation of the struggle for existence on this life-bestowing earth, this is, as if, raised to the pleasure-giving moon by accumulating food and comforts. The sages perform sacrifice with the same aim in view.<sup>(1)</sup> Bring here the sprinkling water.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the death of the hateful enemy.<sup>(3)</sup>

29. Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.<sup>(1)</sup> Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.<sup>(2)</sup> You (the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of the vigour.<sup>(3)</sup> Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.<sup>(4)</sup> Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.<sup>(5)</sup> You (the wife of the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of vigour.<sup>(6)</sup>

30. You are the girdle of the earth.<sup>(1)</sup> You are the waist-belt of the sun.<sup>(2)</sup> I wear you for vigour.<sup>(3)</sup> I look at you with pleased eyes. You are the tongue of fire. For me become a good invoker of Nature's bounties at every place in every sacrifice.<sup>(4)</sup>

31. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with the sun's rays, the strainer without pores.<sup>(1)</sup> At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with sun's rays, the strainer without pores.<sup>(2)</sup> You are the brilliance; you are the splendour; you are the nectar.<sup>(3)</sup> You are the beloved and unconquered home of the Nature's bounties and you are the means of their worship.<sup>(4)</sup>